

the Executive Committee of Salomon Brothers and on the board of Salomon Inc. from its inception in 1981 until its sale to Traveler's Corp. in 1997.

Gedale's brilliant mind has been recognized throughout the business world. He is a founder of the Public Securities Association, now known as the Bond Market Association. He is also a former member of the U.S. Treasury Borrowing Advisory Committee of the Bond Market Association, serving as its Chairman from 1986 to 1987. Additionally, Gedale was appointed as an original member of the Securities and Exchange Commission's Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, serving as its Chairman in 1977.

Beyond his professional work, Gedale has been a trusted and valued member of our community. He has served as a Trustee of Barnard College for over 29 years; he is a Trustee, Chairman Emeritus and member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health Care System; a member of the Board of Visitors of Columbia Law School; and the past-President of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, Inc.

Gedale and his loving wife Barbara have been married for 47 years. They are the proud parents of two children and two grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Gedale Horowitz for his years of service and for his dedication to helping his community.

CONGRATULATING MOBILE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT HAROLD DODGE FOR BEING NAMED ALABAMA'S SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 9, 2005

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor Mobile County schools Superintendent Harold Dodge on the occasion of being named Alabama's 2006 Superintendent of the Year.

Dr. Dodge has been a distinguished member of the Mobile, AL, community and a tremendous advocate for the county school system. He came to Mobile in 1998 to be the superintendent of the Mobile County public school system, the State's largest with over 65,000 students and 8,000 employees.

Under the leadership of Dr. Dodge, the Mobile County public school system has implemented a nationally recognized strategic plan that encourages sustained parental and community involvement while focusing on making children proficient in learning. His objectives for the next year include increasing the number of seniors who pass the High School Graduation Exam and increasing the number of Highly Qualified Teachers all while operating below budget projections. I have full confidence that these objectives will be met under the leadership of Dr. Dodge in 2006. During the last year, the Mobile County public school system received State and national attention for the transformation process of its five lowest-performing schools.

Mr. Speaker, there are few individuals more dedicated or more committed to our students

than Harold Dodge, and I would like to offer my congratulations for being named Alabama's 2006 Superintendent of the Year and for his many professional achievements. I know his wife, Jean, and his many family and friends join with me in praising his accomplishments and extending thanks for his many efforts on behalf of the students of Mobile County and the State of Alabama.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBIN HAYES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 9, 2005

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to participate in the following votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows, November 8, 2005:

Rollcall vote 575, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 302—recognizing and commending the continuing dedication and commitment of employers of the members of the National Guard and the other Reserve components who have been mobilized during the global war on terrorism and in defense of the United States, I would have voted "yes".

Rollcall vote 576, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 3770—to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 205 West Washington Street in Knox, IN, as the Grant W. Green Post Office Building, I would have voted "yes".

RECOGNITION OF THE GLENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER TEAM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 9, 2005

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding group of young men from Central Illinois. The Glenwood High School boys soccer team from Chatham, Illinois, won the Class AA state championship on November 5, with a 2-1 win over Rockford Boylan. This win followed a thrilling, double-overtime semifinal win, and continues a 19-game winning streak for the Titans, who finished the year with a record of 26-1.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Head Coach Jay Lipe, who also achieved his 100th career victory this season, and assistant coaches Greg Lipe, Tom Johnson and B.J. Moore on a truly outstanding season. Most of all, I want to recognize the members of the 2005 state champion Chatham Glenwood Titans soccer team: Brandon Lex, Trevor Noonan, Tim Johnson, James Dice, Jaron Stretch, Neil Wilmarth, Ryan South, Paul Hummel, Derek Schilson, Bryan Curry, Blair Spencer, Hunter Schad, Dennis McIlhaney, Blake Vorreyer, Dan Short, Brett Dickson, Paul South, Dominick Traina, Kevin Hopkins, Bobak Hadidi, Trevor Kohlrus and Dustin Curtis.

These young men did an exceptional job of representing themselves, their school and their community, and I wish them best of luck in all of their future endeavors.

INTRODUCTION OF THE "WINDFALL PROFITS AND CONSUMER ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2005"

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 9, 2005

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, in the coming weeks, Democrats will be laying out a comprehensive energy strategy and a vision for America's energy future. Today, Representative RAHM EMANUEL and I are beginning that process by introducing a bill that would impose a windfall profits tax on the oil industry.

The Windfall Profits and Consumer Assistance Act of 2005 would impose a windfall profits tax on oil companies on oil sold above \$40 a barrel. Our bill would then use half of the revenue generated by this tax to fund a tax rebate for all American consumers to help them deal with their high gas and energy costs. Our bill would use the other half of the tax revenue to supplement funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program that helps poor families and seniors of fixed incomes pay their energy bills.

Now, more than ever, huge sums of money are gushing into the pockets of the oil and gas industry. Exxon and Shell recently reported third quarter profits that were \$2 and \$3 billion more than the greatest quarterly profits we have ever seen, from any company, in the history of the world. These historic profits are coming as the result of oil prices that are currently around \$60 a barrel and have recently been near \$70 a barrel.

Meanwhile, American consumers are facing astronomical prices at the pump and with winter coming, an impending home heating crisis. According to projections in the Energy Information Administration's recently released "Short-Term Energy Outlook and Winter Fuels Outlook," home heating oil prices are likely to be 31.5 percent higher than they were last year. This increase translates into an average consumer expenditure of \$1,577—an increase of \$378 over last winter. Moreover, last year only 15.6 percent of households eligible for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program nationwide were served. We can and must do better in addressing the additional burden that both average consumers and low-income consumers will face as a result of the current price increases.

Our bill would take a portion of the historic high profits that oil companies are making and use it to help the millions of American consumers who are bearing the brunt of high energy costs. Our bill will help reverse the Bush Administration's policy to "Leave No Oil Company Behind" and would provide relief to American consumers who are paying the price for the Republican Party's energy mistakes.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SHERROD BROWN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 9, 2005

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, November 7, 2005, I was unable to cast votes on 3 measures on the suspension calendar. I ask that my absence be excused, and